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(CNAD), 22-24 APRIL 1975

SECDEF FOR ODDR&E(IP)-MR. BASIL AND OASD(8&L)IP-MR. CUFEE.
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REF: DS/ASG(75)8), 9 APR 75.

DR. GARDINER L. TUCKER, ASST SEC GEN DEFENCE SUPPORT, HAS CIRCULATED
TO NADREPS A RECOMMENDATION FROM VADM (RET.) E. CIOPPA, HEAD OF
NAVAL SECTION, DEFENCE SUPPORT DIVISION, (REF) WHICH WILL BE
CONSIDERED AT THE CNAD MEETING, TEXT OF CIOPPA MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.
BEGIN TEXT.
REF: DS/10.2.01(75)52, 9 APR 75.

SUBJECT: NIAG FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT TO A PROJECT GROUP ON A NATO ASM

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AS STATED IN REFERENCE (A) THE ROLE OF NIAG IN THE PROJECT WOULD
BE FINISHED IN SEPTEMBER AFTER THEIR JOINT MEETING WITH IEG/1
WHEN THEIR REPORT WILL HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND IEG/1 WILL AGREE
UPON A STAFF OBJECTIVE.

2. SINCE THE POSSIBILITIES OF INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SHARING ON THIS PROJECT ARE GREAT, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES OF MANY NATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM THE WHOLE PROGRAMME BOTH INDUSTRIALLY AND MILITARILY ARE RIPE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CNAD SHOULD GIVE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONU

AS TO HOW THIS SHARING SHOULD BE DIVIDED AND REGULATED.

3. IT SEEMS LOGICAL TO TASK THE NIAG IN PRELARY SESSION WITH PROVIDING MANAGERIAL ADVICE TO THE CNAD ON THE BEST APPROACH FOR A PRODUCTION-SHARING PLAN BETWEEN NATIONS AND COMPANIES - WHETHER BY CONSORTIA, LICENCE MANUFACTURE OR WHATEVER MEANS IS DEEMED MOST PRACTICAL.

4. FOR SOME TIME THE CNAD AND NIAG HAVE CONDUCTED A DIALOGUE ON THE TRUE ROLE OF THE NIAG AND THE TYPE OF TASKS IT SHOULD BE GIVEN. WE THINK THAT, LIKE THE ASM PROJECT ITSELF, THIS WOULD BE ANOTHER "FIRST" WHEREBY THE IDEAL PROCEDURES LAID DOWN IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CNAD AND NIAG WOULD BE FOLLOWED FROM THE VERY BIRTH OF A PROJECT TO A MULTI-NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT.

5. IN VIEW OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT ALREADY GIVEN BY INDUSTRY IN SG/8, ONE COULD BE SURE THAT NIAG AS A WHOLE WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO PREPARE SUCH A PLAN AT NO COST TO NATO. IN THIS WAY THE ENGAGED NATIONS COULD BENEFIT FROM THE ADVICE AND THE NON-ENGAGED NATIONS COULD NOT REASONABLY COMPLAIN THAT NIAG FUNDS WERE BEING DIVERTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PARTICULAR GROUP OF NATIONS.

6. WE RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT THE CNAD SHOULD BE PERSUADED, DURING THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE NATO ASM PROJECT, TO TASK THE NIAG WITH PREPARING A PLAN FOR A PRODUCTION-SHARING PROGRAMME FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT THROUGH FEASIBILITY STUDY TO PRODUCTION. THIS PLAN SHOULD SHOW:

(I) HOW SUCH A CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT COULD BENEFIT NATIONS

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(A) INDUSTRIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY

(B) LOGISTICALLY

(C) MILITARILY;

(II) THE TYPE OF OPTIONS OPEN FIRSTLY TO ALL NATIONS AND THEIR INDUSTRIES SHOULD THEY JOIN AND, SECONDLY, TO ONLY THOSE NATIONS WHO ELECT TO ENTER STAGE II OF THE PROJECT;

(III) HOW THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE MISSILE SYSTEM LEND THEMSELVES TO VARIOUS TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ARRANGEMENTS,.

7. THIS PLAN SHOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE OCTOBER 1975 MEETING OF CNAD.

8. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASISED TO CNAD THAT THIS IS THE FIRST REAL
TEST CASE OF THE WHOLE CNAD PROCEDURE FROM CONCEPT TO HARDWARE.

SIGNED: EGIDIO CIOPPA. END TEXT.

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